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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/565,150	<b>Applicant(s)</b> JEDELOO, PIETER WILLEM	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 September 2008 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claim 4 is cancelled.

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are pending.

### ***Drawings***

1. The drawings were received on 9/29/08. These drawings are acceptable. In view of the amendment of the drawings, the objection to the drawings is withdrawn.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

4. Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kodim (U.S. PATENT NO. 7,005,940) in view of Block et al. (U.S. PATENT NO. 7,343,137).

-Regarding claims 1, 11 and 12, Kodim discloses antenna switch which is arranged to alternately operate in a receive mode and a transmit mode (**antenna switch 10 as disclosed in fig. 3a**), the antenna switch comprising an adaptive filter (**multiband transformation stage 14 as disclosed in fig. 3a**) for coupling a signal processing means to an antenna during the receive mode (**an input/output port configured as antenna port 22 are each coupled to a node 24 as disclosed in fig. 3a and further disclosed in col. 7 lines 9-10**) and for electrically insulating the signal processing means from the antenna (1) during the transmit mode (**in the high-band transmit mode, the short circuit at node 52 is transformed by the first transmission line T1 to an open circuit at the first signal port 20 of the multiband transformation stage 14 and consequently, the low-power stage 16 remains isolated from the high power stage 12 and the antenna port 22 as disclosed in fig. 3a and col. 8 lines 27-44**), wherein the adaptive filter has a first passband during the transmit mode (**multiband transformation stage 14 includes a first transmission line T1, which is configured to have approximately a quarter-wavelength characteristic for the two frequency bands of 1800 MHz and 1900 MHz corresponding to GSM 1800 and GSM 1900 as disclosed in fig. 3a and further disclosed in col. 7 lines 32-58**) and a second passband during the receive mode (**in the receive GSM 900/GSM 1800/GSM 1900 mode as disclosed in fig. 6 and col. 8 lines 20-25, both D1 and D2 are off, and therefore the passband for transmission lines T1 and T2 is wideband**).

However, Kodim does not specifically disclose the first passband is a band-pass passband.

Block et al. disclose a protective device 6, which is implemented as a band-pass filter as disclosed in fig. 1 and further disclosed in col. 4 lines 36-37.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the time of invention to modify the multiband transformation stage 14 of Kodim to include a protective device as disclosed by Block et al. One is motivated as such in order to protect the antenna from the spurious signals at harmonic frequencies in response to high-power output signals in transmit mode generated by GaAs MMIC devices such as GaAs MMIC receiver switch matrix of Kodim.

-Regarding claim 2, the combination further discloses the signal processing means are electrically insulated from the antenna by controllably configuring the adaptive filter such that the adaptive filter is coupled between the antenna and ground during the transmit mode **(Kodim, as disclosed in fig. 3a and col. 8 lines 27-44)**.

-Regarding claim 3, the combination further discloses the adaptive filter is a high-impedance filter during the transmit mode **(Kodim, as disclosed in fig. 3a and col. 8 lines 27-44)** and a low-impedance filter during the receive mode **(Kodim, as disclosed in fig. 3a and col. 9 lines 49-55)**.

-Regarding claim 5, although the combination does not specifically disclose the second passband is a highpass passband, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the time of invention to do so in order

to keep the operation in the desired frequency bands only and to reduce interference to other users.

-Regarding claim 6, the combination further discloses a switch device through which the signal processing means is coupled to the adaptive filter **(Kodim, low power stage 16 as disclosed in fig. 3a and further disclosed col. 8 lines 3-6).**

-Regarding claim 7, the combination further discloses the switch device is a low-power switch device **(Kodim, see col. 6 lines 1-17).**

-Regarding claim 10, the combination further discloses switching devices **(Kodim, D1 and D2)** to change the geometry of the adaptive filter **(Kodim, multiband transformation stage 14 as disclosed in fig. 3a).**

5. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kodim (U.S. PATENT NO. 7,005,940) in view of Block et al. (U.S. PATENT NO. 7,343,137) and further in view of Phillips et al. (U.S. PATENT NO. 6,765,536).

-Regarding claim 8, the combination of Kodim and Block et al. teaches all the limitations as claimed in claims 1, 6 and 7. However, the combination does not specifically disclose the low-power switch device is a low-power pHEMT.

Phillips et al. disclose the switching device can be pHEMT as disclosed in col. 4 lines 33-50.

Therefore, it would have obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the time of invention to modify the low-power switch to be a pHEMT. One is motivated as such in order to provide low noise and high gain.

6. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kodim (U.S. PATENT NO. 7,005,940) in view of Block et al. (U.S. PATENT NO. 7,343,137) and further in view of Fukamachi et al. (U.S. PG-PUB NO. 2004/0266278).

-Regarding claim 9, the combination of Kodim and Block et al. teaches all the limitations as claimed in claim 1. However, the combination does not specifically disclose the adaptive filter is further arranged to provide electrostatic discharge protection.

Fukamachi et al. disclose electrostatic protection as shown in figs. 1-3 and further disclosed in paragraphs 81-92.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skills in the art at the of invention to modify the antenna switch as disclosed by Kodim to include the electrostatic discharge protection as disclosed by Fukamachi et al. One is motivated as such in order to prevent the breakdown of high frequency parts by electrostatic surge.

### ***Response to Arguments***

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 5-12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Conclusion***

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PING Y. HSIEH whose telephone number is (571)270-3011. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay A. Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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